Rajgir, therefore the STD code allotted for Nalanda has not been implemented.

(c) There is a plan to provide Optical Fibre cable connectivity between Rajgir and Nalanda during 1998-99, thereafter STD code 06119 will be implemented.

Cellular mobile service by M.T.N.L.

3708. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M.T.N.L. will launch cellular mobile telephone service in the country;

(b) whether any global tenders, technical and financial bids separately have been invited from internationally reputed manufactures and suppliers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) (a) Yes Sir, MTNL intends to introduce cellular mobile services in the cities of Delhi and Mumbai.

(b) and (c) MTNL has invited global tender, Technical and Financial bids separately, from reputed manufacturers and suppliers of GSM equipment of atleast five years standing with adequate financial strength on a turnkey basis for survey, design, supply of equipment, installation and commissioning of Cellular Mobile Services. The System shall be designed initially to cater for one lac subscribers each for Delhi and Mumbai and capable of expansion. The Techno-commercial bids have already been opened on 15th July, 1998 in which seven bidders have participated.

महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड में वित्तीय अनियमितताएं और प्रशासनिक कुप्रबंध

3709. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल में महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड, वित्तीय अनियमितताओं तथा प्रशासनिक कुप्रबंध का शिकार रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की गई है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार के पास महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड बोर्ड के पुनर्गठन की कोई योजना है?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ) (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) उपर्युक्त भाग (क) के उत्तर को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी, हां।

Amount due on Doordarshan as Satellite Charges

3710. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount due on the Doordarshan as satellite charges;

(b) the reasons for not sending final bills on time; and

(c) the steps taken to realise all Government dues on time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) While no such satellite charges are due from Doordarshan, an amount of approximately Rs. 1.75 Crores is due towards the difference of maintenance charges for the hardware uplinks set up by the Department of Telecom munications for use by Doordarshan.

(b) The final Bills have been released after completion of entire project work and reconciliation of expenditure from the fields units.

(c) Doordarshan has so far released an amount approximately of Rs. 8 Crores and for payment of rest of the amount, the matter is being persued with Doordarshan.